

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

"Agonistic antibody" refers to an antibody that comprises an agonistic ~~function~~ activity against a given receptor. In general, when an agonist ligand (factor) binds to a receptor, the tertiary structure of the receptor protein changes, and the receptor is activated (when the receptor is a membrane protein, a cell growth signal or such is usually transduced). If the receptor is a dimer-forming type, an agonistic antibody can dimerize the receptor at an appropriate distance and angle, thus acting similarly to a ligand. An appropriate anti-receptor antibody can mimic dimerization of receptors performed by ligands, and thus can become an agonistic antibody.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line ⁵~~11~~ with the following amended paragraph:

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The above-mentioned cells of the present invention are usually eukaryote-derived cells, preferably animal cells, and more preferably human-derived cells. In a preferable embodiment of the present invention, cells expressing test antibodies also express the above receptors (the receptors for which agonistic antibodies act as agonists). Thus, a preferable embodiment of the present invention comprises expressing a receptor and a test antibody in the same cell. If a test antibody secreted from a cell binds with that receptor and comprises agonistic ~~function~~ activity against a receptor, the receptor would transduce a cell growth signal and consequently, the cell would undergo autonomous autocrine replication. "Autonomous autocrine replication" refers to the phenomenon whereby cells replicate independently using a substance produced by the cell itself as a growth signal. Multi-specific agonistic antibodies can be screened using the presence or absence of autonomous autocrine replication as an index. In a preferable embodiment of the present invention, when cells expressing a test antibody and receptor undergo autonomous autocrine replication, the test antibody can be determined to comprise agonistic ~~function~~ activity.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 24 with the following amended paragraph: